

WHAT THE SOUTH HAS LOST AND GAINED.

The Mason, Ga., Messenger says: By the war we lost at one blow the accumulated wealth of two centuries; we lost our liberties, we lost all those rights, privileges and immunities which we had enjoyed for three quarters of a century, and we lost the protection of that Constitution which we thought to be the embodiment of the perfection of human government.

WORTH REMEMBERING.—So much for the "Poor Man's Candidate!" Judge Packer has grown immensely rich on the toil of the poor, and has always made it a point to purchase that toil at the lowest figure.

In the five districts outside of but contiguous to the city of New York, over \$50,000,000 of taxable incomes are assessed this year, with an increase of nearly \$300,000,000 in the revenue.

HIP! HURRAH!—A party who assembled at the residence of Asa Packer, at Mauch Chunk, wound up by cheering for Geary; such we infer, at least, from the published report, which says that the party adjourned with cheers for the next Governor of Pennsylvania.

FUTURE OF AMERICA—America must expand. Her republicanism, her vast resources, her past history, the very peculiarities of her varied population—all contribute to stimulate her activities and develop her power.

Uiting in her geographical extent every variety of soil and climate, with all their advantages and facilities, and with but few of their disadvantages and obstacles, she may be regarded a world in herself, and independent of the remainder of the planet of which she forms a part, except, perhaps, for purposes of gravitation.

SAYS Josh Billings: "Most any man will concede that it looks very foolish to see a boy drag a heavy sled up a steep hill for the fleeting pleasure of riding down again; but appears to me that the boy is a sage by the side of that man who works hard all the week, and drinks his stamps on Saturday night."

"MAMMA," said Susie, "I don't want to be an angel, and leave off my pretty clothes, and wear faddlers like a hen."

Learn Something Thoroughly.

The American Agriculturist gives some excellent advice in the following article: The trouble with the young people of our day is, that they skim over a great many things, but do not know anything positively. They catch at the sound of words, as the lad who, when asked if he had studied German answered, "I have not, but my cousin plays the German flute."

We may have an active business, employing us daily, and still find time if we are earnest about it, to become well acquainted with one of the branches of natural science. One of the most active physicians in the Connecticut Valley collected a cabinet of insects and birds that were valued at \$10,000 when he died, and a college considered itself very fortunate in securing it, while the work of collecting it was the joy of his life.

We have often met a charming old gentleman, who wore a plain and neat Quaker dress, and, until his lamented death, was interested in the charitable institutions of the State in which he lived. He made a large fortune by economy and diligence. Whenever he went he carried with him a convenient little flower case, and whenever his quick eye fell upon a new blossom, or an old one, if attractive, he gathered it as a great prize.

WEEVIL DESTROYED BY YELLOW BIRDS.—A gentleman residing on a farm in Colesville, New York, communicates the following important discovery to the Binghamton Republican.

A neighboring farmer wished he could get a gun to kill some yellow birds, which farmers generally suppose destroy the wheat. He declined, as he does not like to kill birds of any kind. Out of curiosity, however, he killed one and opened its craw, when he found that the bird, instead of eating the wheat, eat the weevil—the great destroyer of the wheat.

A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING.—A lady employed a young girl about fifteen years of age to assist her about her house work, and one day she was making some cake, and wished to put some kind of plums in it; so she set a dish down on the table with the plums, and told the girl to stone them, and to show her how, she took up a plumb and took out the stone, with the remark, "That is the way;" and then, thinking the girl understood what she meant, she put the plum she had into her mouth, instead of into the dish and went away.

FAN FLIRTATIONS.—Fan fast. I am independent. Fan slow. I am engaged. Fan with right hand in front of face. Come on.

Open and shut. Kiss me. Open wide. Love. Open half. Friendship. Shut. Hate. Swinging the fan. Can I see you home? Fan by right cheek. Yes. Fan by left cheek. No. To carry in the left hand. Desirous of getting acquainted. Carry with handle to lips. I will flirt with you.

A Mule Ride in Florida.

A gentleman writing from Fernandina Fla., to the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, gives the following amusing account of his adventures with a gentle mule. He says: "The boys insisted that I needed relaxation. I had a pretty fair article of health I thought; enough to last me as long as I lived. But I must accumulate a stock for future use. The South was the place to get it. And riding except on horseback so I thought I would take a ride. I applied to the livery man for a horse. He had none. He looked sorrowfully at me, as though he pitied me. Did I ever ride a mule? I never had. He had as good riding horses as were ever saddled, but if I wanted a "Rock Me to Sleep, Mother," style of a ride I would take a mule. I don't consider myself a first-class judge of mules. I had some vague notions in regard to them; supposed they would do large amount of work with a very little feed, and were immortal. I had read of one being driven over the same route by the same boy 87 years, and was a young mule yet. Bring forth the mule. The mule was brought. He was a meek looking beast, a perfect "Uriah Heap" of a mule, so far as "Umbleness" was concerned. At least that was the view I took of him. He was saddled, and I mounted. For a mile or two he passed beautifully. I thought those old monks I had read about knew what they were doing when they traveled on mules. I had a high respect for their judgement. Just then my mule began to show symptoms, symptoms of what, I did not know. I found out. Drooping his head between his legs, his heels described a parabolic curve, or a diabolic curve, or some other infernal curve, in the air, and I got off over his head, and I did it quick. I'm not so old but I can get off an animal of that kind as quick as a boy. Then I looked at the mule to see if he was hurt. He didn't appear to be. Then I inquired around to see how I was. I reported an abrasion of the left hip, and a confusion on the lower end of my back. Then I thought that I would pronounce a left-handed blessing on that mule, and on his forefathers and foremothers before him, and on his children after him. But I did not. I wondered if he would stand fire. If I had a pistol I would have put the muzzle to his ear and tried him. Not that I was hostile toward him, but I was afraid somebody might take a ride on him some day and get hurt. But I had no pistol, so that benevolent and sanguinary idea was frustrated. Then I got up and shook the dust off my feet and brushed the sand off my trousers, as a testimony against the place. Then I led the mule carefully home, and stated the case to the livery man. But when I looked that he should offer to send for a doctor, or a Samaritan, to do me up in a rag, and pour olive oil and camphor on my bruises, he only laughed—then he rolled off the bench and laughed. It was ridiculous. But I've learned a little wisdom.

THE TEA THAT COMES TO THE UNITED STATES.—We were in a tea house at Canton—drinking such superior tea as we never tasted in the United States. We noticed that large jars were placed under each table, into which all the grounds were tossed. Chinese do not, as already stated, steep their tea in a pot, but put it in your cup, pour in hot water, covering the cup to retain the steam, allowing it to stand five minutes, draining off and refilling. The second cup is considered the best, and the third filling is very good. But when the strength is exhausted, the grounds are thrown into the jars, taken out doors, spread on cloths, dried, doctored, repacked, and sent over to us. The average cost of tea in China, is from fifteen to twenty cents per pound, but duties, freight, insurance, interest on capital, profits to importers and middle men swell it to prices which make it an article of luxury. More poor tea is drank in the United States than in any other land.

SINGULAR PHENOMENON.—A phenomenon of the most extraordinary nature has lately been witnessed by the inhabitants of the borders of the Caspian Sea. This huge lake is dotted with numerous islands which produce yearly a large quantity of naphtha, and it is no uncommon occurrence for fires to break out in the works and burn for many days before they can be extinguished. Early last month, owing to some subterranean disturbances, enormous quantities of this inflammable substance were projected from the naphtha wells and spread over the entire surface of the water, and becoming ignited, notwithstanding every precaution, converted the whole sea into the semblance of a gigantic flaming punch-bowl, many thousand square miles in extent. The fire burnt itself out in forty-eight hours, leaving the surface strewn with innumerable fishes. Herodotus mentions a tradition that the same phenomenon was once before observed by the tribes inhabiting the shores of the Caspian Sea.

COLLEGE reputations are sometimes curiously reversed in after life. Some one has collected these statistics from West Point catalogues:

Jeff Davis graduated 23d in his class; (Jeff has made some stir in the world since then;) Gen. Jo. Johnson, 18th; Gen. O. M. Mitchell 13th; Gen. Meade, 18th; Gen. T. D. Sherman, 18th; Gen. Pemberton, 26th; Gen. Jo. Hooker, 29th; Gen. Canby, 30th; Gen. Geo. H. Thomas, 12th; Gen. Doubleday, 24th; Gen. Longstreet, 54th; Gen. Early, 18th; Gen. U. S. Grant, 21st; Gen. Burnside, 18th; Gen. Philip Sheridan, suspended in 1852, and graduated in 1853, the 34th; Prof. A. D. Bache, 1st; Prof. Mahan, 1st; Gen. Bartlett, 1st; Gen. Sibley, 1st; Gen. Lee, 2d; Gen. Ewell, 3d; Gen. Martindale, 3d; Gen. Halleck, 3d; Gen. W. T. Sherman, 6th; Gen. Beauregard, 2d; Gen. Gilmore, 1st; Gen. George B. McClellan, 2d; Gen. Howard, 2d. In the light of subsequent history this is a most interesting list to contemplate.

Be honest and just.

Foreign Beds.

It is curious to notice the habits of different nations in regard to beds. However, dress, food, manners in political conditions may vary in other countries, the beds differ as notably as anything does. In eastern nations the bed is nothing but a carpet, and is carried about and spread in any convenient place, the tired native lying down in his clothes. We remember a child who used to be puzzled with those miracles of our Saviour, who on restoring an impotent man, directed him to take up his bed and walk—his idea of a bed consisting in a four post bedstead with its palls, mattress and feather bed, beside blankets, sheets and pillows. But even in very cold countries the beds are closely allied to the Eastern carpet. In taking a furnished house in Russia, on inquiring for the servant's bedrooms and beds, which did not appear in the inventory, on our surveying the apartments it comes out that the Russian servants are in the habit of laying anywhere—on the floors, in the passages, on the mats, at the door rooms, or even on the carpets in the sitting rooms generally near to the stoves in the winter season. The Emperor himself sleeps on a leather sofa, in a sitting room, lying down in a dressing gown, but not removing his under clothing. But in Russia the houses are kept so warm by the system of stoves through the walls, that much bed covering is no more required in the winter than during the heat of summer. In Germany, the construction of the bed gives one the impression that the Germans do not know what it is to lie down. The bedstead is a short wooden case; there is a mattress extending from head to foot, but so formed that at the half-way the upper end is made to slope at an angle of considerable elevation, and upon this are two enormous down pillows, which reach from the head of the bed to half-way down to the feet; consequently the occupant of the bed lies at an angle of at least forty-five degrees, and is nearly in a sitting position at night. In some parts of Germany there are no blankets; there is a sheet to lie on, and another over it, which is tacked to a quilt wadded with down; and this is the entire covering with the exception of a sort of bed, a thick eider down quilt, but not quilted, which is placed on the top and, which unless the sleeper is very quiet in his sleep, is usually found on the floor in the morning. In hot weather there is no medium; either a sheet is the only covering or one of these over warm eider-downs.

At a late printer's festival the following toast was presented: "The master of all trades; he beats the farmer with the Hoe, the carpenter with his rules and the mason with setting up tall columns; he surpasses the lawyer and the doctor in attending to his cases; and he beats the parson in his management of the devil."

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